

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

**November 18, 2020**

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

**2020-125-E**

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

**2020-777(A)**

**THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.**

**Amended Date of Issue for Order Setting Additional Public Hearings and Notice Provided and Written by Company**

**SUBJECT:**

**DOCKET NO. 2020-125-E** - Application of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated for Adjustment of Rates and Charges (See Commission Order No. 2020-313) - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration a Discussion Related to Scheduling Future Public Night Hearings in Docket No. 2020-125-E.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Vice Chair Belser and fellow Commissioners, in the case of 2020-125-E, the Application of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated, for adjustment of rates and charges, the Commission announced three virtual public hearings for November 9th, 10th, and 12th via two press releases and through its quarterly electronic newsletter. The Commission wishes to thank those who helped to promote these hearings, including but certainly not limited to AARP and the South Carolina Farm Bureau, amongst many others, I'm sure. In addition, the Commission prepared a video which walked consumers through the process of online testifying. As a result, there were 225 people who preregistered to participate in the night rate hearings.

Over the course of the evenings of November 9th, 10th, and 12th, the Public Service Commission heard testimony from 82 customers and we had 748 people who attended via the Commission's livestreaming of these hearings.

I move, in order to provide robust and safe opportunities for Dominion customers to provide additional opportunities to testify regarding the DESC rate case, that the Commission offer two additional public hearings for customers who wish to testify via telephone conference and for customers who wish to testify in person in the Commission's hearing room — 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina — to be held on Tuesday, January 5th, 2021, beginning at 1 p.m. and until 6 p.m., and also on Thursday, January 7th, 2021, beginning at 6 p.m. and concluding at 9 p.m.

The Commission further directs DESC to inform its residential customers of this additional opportunity both electronically, if the customer receives the customer's bill electronically, and via direct mailings, if the customer does not receive an electronic bill, and fully reflect the announcement is being provided by and written by Dominion. The Notice must be issued by Dominion no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. With any in-person public hearing, the Commission shall follow and operate the public in-person hearing in accordance with the proper DHEC or CDC guidelines for the safety and welfare of those persons participating and/or in the hearing room.

Dominion must inform its customers through this Notice with the following additional instructions:

1. On or before Wednesday, January 6th, 2021, no later than 4:45 p.m., any person desiring to testify as a public witness shall provide the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. Your name and telephone number may be provided to the Commission in two ways: by e-mailing [communications@psc.sc.gov](mailto:communications@psc.sc.gov) or by calling 803-896-5133.
2. Please indicate whether you intend to testify via telephone conference or in-person and whether you intend to testify on Tuesday, January 5th, 2021, or on Thursday, January 7th, 2021.
3. Also, be advised that you will be called in the order you signed up to speak. If you request to testify in person, the Commission will notify you when to enter the building, via text or telephone call. Further, the Commission will arrange to clean before and after each witness and will limit witnesses to one in the hearing room at a time.

I so move.

PRESIDING: Belser

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER	
BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Present in Hearing Room
CASTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Present in Hearing Room
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Voting via Skype
POWERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Present in Hearing Room
THOMAS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Present in Hearing Room
C. WILLIAMS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Present in Hearing Room
J. WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u>	Military Leave

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

